[ABSTRACT]

The present invention relates to an apparatus and method for extracting representative still images from Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG) video. The apparatus

5   includes a video curve generation unit for calculating the distances between the adjacent frames of all intra frames of input video and generating a video curve that is a cumulative curve of the distances; a video curve division unit for dividing the video curve into a certain number of

10   segments; a still image selection unit for selecting video images corresponding to certain points of the divided video curve as representative still images; and a video output unit for outputting the still images selected by the still image generation unit. Accordingly, the present invention

15   can summarize the video and provide representative still images to a user at high speed.